MINUTES TOWN OF CONCORD CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Wednesday Sept 10 2012

7:00 PM-9:30 PM Clock Tower room Harvey Wheeler Center

Present:

Lisa Bergen, presiding Kate Damon Abe Fisher Louise Haldeman Mark Hanson

Absent: Rick Anderson

Ray Bruttomesso

Citizens present: Ray Hanselman and Cynthia Rainey were both present for parts of the meeting.

1. Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Chair, Lisa Bergen

2. The Minutes:

The minutes of the meetings of September 5 were approved with 2 corrections.

3. Correspondence: None

4. Chairs Report Ms. Bergen announced that the Concord Board of Selectmen were discussing the proposed temporary location for school buses with the School Committee at a meeting which was taking place at the same time as the CTC meeting. There was some discussion as to the timing of that meeting and a concern that the CTC had not known of it soon enough to reschedule its meeting. As neither the CTC nor TAC have yet made their reports and since no actual date for the start of construction has yet been set, it was not understood why it was scheduled for tonight. The School Committee has received only one bid for its request to find a temporary parking site for the buses in Acton. It some distance from the school meaning there will be extra costs for fuel and driver pay as well as a probable need to modify routes.

The Building Committee is expected to issue its report on the possibility of keeping the bus depot at the high school at a meeting on September 12th which will be followed by a joint School Committee meeting. A vote to approve the proposed Acton parking site is on the agenda for the School Committee.

5. Reports and Issues for discussion

a. Committee member updates: members are still working on their presentations for the hearing on Sept 19^{th.} Everyone has a great deal of material but no one is sure about the best way to go about it. b. Review of presentations and how to handle breakout groups: Ms. Bergen has been in touch with CCTV. They suggested that since it would be difficult to cover the separate stations which will be operating simultaneously, the overview and wrap up sessions be recorded during the hearing but that summaries of the breakout sessions be done in the studio later. The whole thing can then be put

together and made available for local cable. All felt that this would be an excellent way to present the hearing. Ms. Bergen will try to set up a date for the studio as soon after the hearing as possible. There was discussion about ways to find recorders for the breakout sessions. Members were reminded to get their presentations ready as time is short.

There will be three breakout stations devoted to safety, social factors, and costs. Handout will be prepared and depending on the subject there may be also be posters, and other visuals. Ms. Bergen asked that members let her know if there are slides that she should use in her overview.

c. Written report update: Mr. Fisher reminded the other members that he has received very little to date but was warned that a deluge might be coming eventually. He reminded the committee of the suggestions he had made at the previous meeting. He asked if the committee wanted the whole report to be uniform in tone while still allowing each member's "voice" to be reflected in the writing. This is subject to further discussion and there is a great deal of extra material which may best be handled as appendices.

6. Citizens Comments

Ms. Cynthia Rainey who had attended the Selectmen's meeting and came to the CTC meeting afterwards said the School Committee Chair had explained the need for having a temporary solution to the bus parking in place so that if and when construction made it impossible to keep the buses on site, it would be ready to go. She said that the Selectmen seemed glad to know that there was a plan in place. The Town Manager had said that looking for a permanent town site would then become a priority after the present rush to work on the new building project subsides.

7. Other business

Mr. Fisher noted that an email had arrived from Mr. Bruttomesso during the meeting saying that his preparations for deployment had kept him from attending. Ms. Bergen thanked Mr. Anderson for continuing to work on finances even while on vacation. There will be a short business meeting after the Hearing on Sept 19th which is schedule from 7 Pm to 9PM. Subsequent meeting are tentatively scheduled for Sept 27th, Oct 4th, and Oct 18th. The final report will be given to the School Committee on October 23rd. Whether there will be committee life after that is still unknown.

The meeting adjourned 9:15 slightly earlier than scheduled due to exhaustion.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise S. Haldeman, clerk